of Rs. 385.55 lakhs. The scheme is expected to be technically ready by the end of current plan period i.e. 1996-97.

Amendment in the laws to book adulterators

2283. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindu of 23rd June, 1996, under the caption "Laws inadequate to book adulterators" and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering amending laws to book criminals who mix poisonous ingredients in milk and other food products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing provisions in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules made thereunder are adequate to book adulterators in food articles.

Population growth among the poor

2284. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of population growth among the poor section is higher as compared to the other sections of society;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken into consideration this fact while formulating family planning programme and improve their living standard; and

(d) the rate of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Separate information on growth rate of population among poor are not available.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Recommendation regarding interim relief to Government Servants

2285. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fifth Pay Commission has recommended to Government third interim relief to government servants;

(b) if so, the details regarding the procedure adopted in this regard taking into consideration the plight of pensioners also; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Fifth Central Pay Commission in their Third Interim Report have made the folowing recommendations:—

(i) Grant of Interim Relief at the rate of 10% of the basic pay, subject to the minimum of Rs. 100 per month to all Central Government employees w.e.f. 1.4.96.

(ii) Grant of Interim Relief at the rate of 10% of the basic pension subject to the minimum of Rs. 100 per month to all Central Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners w.e.f. 1.4.96.

(c) The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

NGOs receiving financial aid for Abolishing AIDS

2286. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of non-Governmental organisations, district-wise in the country particularly in the state of Punjab which are getting financial aid for abolishing AIDs disease;

(b) the amount given to the organisations for the purpose during the year 1995-96;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for the purpose is not utilised at all;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) what steps are being taken by Government for creating mass awarness on AIDs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) National AIDS Control Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Programme implemented by the States and Union Territories. The funds released by the Central Government for various components of the programme including support for approved activities of N.G.Os are being used by the States/Union Territories Administration. However, in so far as Punjab is concerned, Annual Plan allocation have been made for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, but the expenditure statement show that in Punjab National AIDS Control Organisation funds have not been utilised for giving grants to NGOs is the filed of HIV/AIDS.

(e) and (f) The Central Government and the States have been undertaking activities for creating public awareness on HIV/AIDS using various media of communication; including inter personal communication.

Quota of petrol for High Court Judges

2287. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether quota of petrol for high court judges has recently been increased to 200 litres per month;

(b) if so, instead of 200 litres of petrol per month why has it not been provided as 2400 litres of petrol per year so that monthly petrol quota does not lapse;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard from the Hon'ble judges; and

(d) when will Government make the necessary provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Govovernment *vide* recent Amendment to the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Acts, 1954/1958 have increased the entitlement of petrol for the staff car from the earlier 150 litres per month or actual consumption per month whichever is less to 200 litres of fuel per month or the actual consumption per month whichever is less. Since only an increase has been effected to the earlier provision, question of providing it for a whole year does not arise. Besides accounting on monthly basis, as is the case with regard to pay and other allowances is appropriate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Channel for adults on DD

2288. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is going to start a channel earmarked for adults only;

(b) if so, what will be the main features of the programmes to be telecast on that channel and whether they will be subjected to pre-censorship;

(c) whether Government are aware that it is difficult to prevent children especially those in the adolescent age from having access to such programmes; and

(d) whether Government are also aware of the harmful effects of some programme already being telecast through foreign satellite channels on children?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The programme telecast on the foreign satellite channels do not come within the ambit of regulations of the Government of India. However, Government is aware of the concern expressed in many quarters about the negative impact of these programme on the society in general and the children in particular.